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The Honorable Samuel W. Bodman
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue SW
Washington, D.C. 20585

Re: Request for Documents

Dear Secretary Bodman:

On Tuesday, April 5, 2005, Theodore J. Garrish, Deputy Director for the Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management, was invited to testify before the Subcommittee on the Federal Workforce and Agency Organization for a hearing entitled "Yucca Mountain Project: Have Federal Employees Falsified Documents?"

On Wednesday, April 6, 2005, Subcommittee staff was notified by the U.S.G.S. Congressional Affairs Office that three of at least ten employees involved in correspondence relating to the falsification of documents pertaining to the Yucca Mountain project had, in fact, been tasked to complete work for the Yucca Mountain project as recently as March 9, 2005, and that all three employees were receiving funding from the Department of Energy. The Department's witness, Theodore J. Garrish, was unable to provide the Subcommittee with this information at the April 5, 2005 hearing.

Due to this development, in addition to the ongoing Subcommittee request sent to the Department of Energy on March 23, 2005, the Subcommittee hereby requests, pursuant to its authority under Rules X and XI of the House of Representatives, the following items in unredacted form:

All documents and records, including correspondence and electronic communications, relating to the hiring, reassignment or transfer of the three aforementioned employees above or any other such employees to the Yucca Mountain project.

The Department should also provide the Subcommittee with a detailed explanation identifying the individuals responsible for permitting, allowing, hiring, or requesting the three aforementioned employees or any other employees to work on the Yucca Mountain project and the specific purposes for which these employees were brought back to work on the project. The

Department should also explain why it chose to bring a certain employee back on the project *after* discovering [redacted] alleged misconduct and why Deputy Director Garrish was unaware that the aforementioned employees were working on the project when [redacted] testified at the April 5th Subcommittee hearing. In addition, the Department should provide the Subcommittee with an organizational chart of the Yucca Mountain project showing the management and employment structure from 1998-2000; the chart should be of sufficient detail to identify all employees involved in the correspondence relating to the falsification of documents pertaining to the Yucca Mountain project, their immediate supervisors, and all other superiors.

[redacted]. If you have any questions about this matter, please have your staff contact the Subcommittee's Chief Counsel and Deputy Staff Director, Chad Bungard, at (202) 225-5147.

Sincerely,


Jon C. Porter
Chairman

cc: The Honorable Danny Davis, Ranking Minority Member